

In the Claims

Kindly rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended For A Fourth Time) A method for providing a line of through vent apertures to a web component of a plastic bag, said web component having a tendency to tear along lines of apertures, comprising the steps of:

providing a cutter which cuts a line of vent apertures along a first direction, said vent apertures being oriented in a second direction which is not parallel to said first direction such that the orientation of said line of vent apertures minimizes tear propagation of said web component;

providing an anvil means against which said cutter bears, thereby creating a nip; and

drawing the web component through said nip formed between said cutter and said anvil means thereby forming said line of vent apertures in the web component;

wherein said vent apertures provide ventilation to the interior of said plastic bag when said web component is attached to said plastic bag.